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TO: Legislative Finance Committee

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RE: Section 7 of HB 2

Section 7 of the boilerplate language of HB 2 states the following:

**Personal Services Line Item.** Funds appropriated for personal services or indicated in legislative intent as having been appropriated for personal services may not be expended under any other category except for contract services...when the amount of the contract services transferred will be used to directly substitute for use of personal services.

The language goes on to further state that "[a]ny transfer of funds from personal services to contract services must be reported in writing to the legislative finance committee."

The Office of Budget and Program Planning has given tentative approval to the transfers as listed in the attached memorandum from Assistant Budget Director Jane Hamman. Staff have reviewed these proposed transfers and raise no issues concerning their compliance with HB 2 directive.